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B. USNATO 2402

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MISSION HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED MAY 3, 1975,
WITH ENCLOSURE, TO DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA.

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

WE HAVE REVIEWED THE REVISED AD-70 SPRING REPORT 1975
(AC/281-WP(75)1(REVISED)), AND CONSIDER TI REQUIRES STRENGTHENING
IN A FEW RESPECTS. WE HAVE ATTACHED PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE
REPORT, AND HOPE THAT THEY ARE OF A SUFFICIENTLY NON- CONTROVERSIAL
NATURE TO BE ACCEPTABLE FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL DRAFT FOR
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE APPROVAL WITHOUT THE NECESSITY FOR
CALLING A MEETING OF THE EWG TO DISCUSS THEM. OUR PROPOSAL FOR
PART V (CONCLUSIONS) FOLLOWS FROM THE CONTECT OF THE REPORT
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AND REFLECTS LANGUAGE FROM THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE PAPER
(DPC/D(75)4(DRAFT)) WHICH IS AGREED AT DRC LEVEL. OUR PROPOSAL
FOR PARAGRAPH 31 IS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND FACTUAL, AND OUR
SUGGESTION FOR PARAGRAPH 37 IS EXTRACTED FROM THE 1973 REPORT ON

BASIC ISSUES (DPC/D(73)30).

WHILE WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THE CONCLUSIONS BE PLACED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE AD-70 SPRING REPORT, WE RECOGNIZE THAT MAKING THAT CHANGE COULD CAUSE A CONSIDERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN. THEREFORE WE REQUEST ONLY THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S COVER NOTE INVITE MINISTERS ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR TO PART V, CONCLUSIONS.

SUBJECT TO INCLUSION OF THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS, WE CAN ACCEPT AC/281-WP(75)1(REVISED).

I AM CIRCULATING COPIES OF THIS LETTER WITH ENCLOSURE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP AND TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY. END TEXT OF LETTER

BEGIN TEXT OF ENCLOSURE:

PART V- CONCLUSIONS

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH BEFORE EXISTING PARAGRAPH 70:RR

ALTHOUGH FORCE CAPABILITIES SHOW SOME IMPROVEMENTS, OBJECTIVE DISPARITIES BETWEEN NATO AND WARSAW PACT CONVENTIONAL FORCES REMAIN. IT IS CLEAR THAT REDUCTIONS IN THE SIZE OF NATO FORCES IN ANY REGION WILL RISK JEOPARDIZING NATOS CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITIES. ALLIES MUST THEREFORE MAINTAIN FORCES WHICH ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE OR FORESEEN IN PLANS CURRENTLY DECLARED TO NATO AND CONTINUE TO MODERNIZE THESE FORCES. DEFENSE MINISTERS HAVE IDENTIFIED SO-CALLED BASIC ISSUE AREAS URGENTLY NEEDING FORCE IMPROVEMENTS. IN RESPONSE, ALLIES HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD PROVIDING AIRCRAFT SHELTERS FOR 70 PCT OF EARMARKED AND ASSIGNED COMBAT TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND, IN THE CENTRAL REGION, TOWARD IMPROVED ANTI-ARMOR CAPABILITIES. HOWEVER, THE INTRODUCTION OF MODERN ANTI-ARMOR MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT, AND MODERN AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS

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HAS BEEN VERY SLOW AND MUST BE ACCELERATED. ADDITIONALLY, NEW CRITERIA FOR WAR RESERVE STOCK LEVELS MUST BE DEVELOPED, RATIFIED, AND IMPLEMENTED BY NATIONS AS AGREED IN DECEMBER, 1973. (DPC/D(773)30)

DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR (PARA 31)

EXISTING PARAGRAPH 31 DOES NOT PROVIDE A SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF PROGRESS IN ANTI-ARMOR AREA. RECOMMEND THE PARAGRAPH BE AUGMENTED TO CITE NEW ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS SYSTEM DEPLOYMENTS, BY COUNTRY, AS WAS DONE WITH MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (PARA 40) BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING AFTER THE FIRST SENTENCE:

COUNTRIES ARE DEPLOYING MODERN ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS,

AS FOLLOWS: BELGIUM- SWINGFIRE AND MILAN, CANADA- TOW,
DENMARK- TOW, FRG- TOW AND MILAN, ITALY- TOW,
LUXEMBOURG- TOW, THE NETHERLANDS- TOW, NORWAY- TOW,
TURKEY- TOW, THE UNITED KINGDOM- SWINGFIRE, THE UNITED STATES-
TOW AND DRAGON.

WAR RESERVE STOCKS (PARAS 32-37)
EXISTING PARAGRAPH 37 NEGLECTS OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SHAPE
AND NATIONAL ACTION S IN WAR RESERVES AREA. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING
SENTENCES BE ADDED TO BEGINNING OF PARAGRAPH:

IN 1973, NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE INSTRUCTED (1)
TO CONTINUE THEIR REVIEW OF THE ATTRITION AND CONSUMPTION
RATES ON WHICH STANDING GROUP NATO (SGN) DAYS OF
SUPPLY ARE BASED AND ALSO TO DEVELOP NATO CONSCUPTION RATES
FOR NEW MUNITIONS. COUNTRIES WERE, IN TURN,
INVITED TO SUBMIT NATIONAL ANALYSES TO THE NATO MILITARY
AUTHORITIES FOR THOSE ITEMS FOR WHICH THEY WERE NOT PREPARED
TO ACCEPT THE NEW NATO RATES. THESE MATTERS
REMAIN OUTSTANDING. END TEXT OF ENCLOSURE. STREATOR

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